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SUBJECT: MINISTER MATTHOFER VISIT/DHEW-FRG AGREEMENT
ON HEALTH COOPERATION

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CONCERNING FORTHCOMING VISIT OF MORT/MINISTRY OF
RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY MINISTER MATTHOFER TO
WASHINGTON AND PROPOSED DHEW-FRG HEALTH COOPERATION.

2. MATTHOFER VISIT IS BEING COORDINATED BY FRG
EMBASSY AND IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON OCTOBER 5.
THREE-DAY WASHINGTON SECTION IS TO INCLUDE VISITS TO
NRC, NASA, DHEW, NIH, NCI AND PERHAPS TO DEPT. OF
TRANSPORTATION. STATUS OF OAKRIDGE AND WEST COAST
PORTIONS IS UNCERTAIN AS MATTHOFER MAY GO INSTEAD
TO CANADA.

3. CONCERNING PROPOSED DHEW-MORT AGREEMENT ON HEALTH
COOPERATION, REFTELS, MORT IS CLEARLY AIMING AT AN
EXTENSIVE FORMAL AGREEMENT. RESPONSIBLE MORT OFFICIAL
INDICATED IT SHOULD BE A QUOTE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT
AGREEMENT UNQUOTE WHICH WOULD SERVE AS A QUOTE
POLITICAL ROOF UNQUOTE OVER VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HEALTH
RESEARCH COOPERATION. CURRENT AND FUTURE RESEARCH
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PROJECTS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE AGREEMENT.

MORT OFFICIALS SEE NO PROBLEMS WITH MOH/MINISTRY OF YOUTH, FAMILY AND HEALTH. THEY ALSO FORESEE NO MOH PARTICIPATION UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. BOTH ASSERTIONS CANNOT BE EXPLORED AS USUAL MOH AND FONMIN CONTACTS ARE ON VACATION. SCOPE OF PLANNED AGREEMENT IS SUCH THAT SIGNING DURING MATTHOFER VISIT IN OCTOBER IS NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDERED POSSIBLE. INSTEAD AGREEMENT SHOULD BE READY IN EARLY 1976 GIVEN A SUITABLE OCCASION. MORT OFFICIAL REACTED COOLLY TO THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS A LESS EXTENSIVE AGREEMENT WOULD SUFFICE.

4. IN OUR VIEW SUCH AN AGREEMENT WILL PROBABLY RAISE DIFFICULTIES WITHIN FRG MINISTRIES AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO EXPLORE SITUATION. HOWEVER, PROBLEM OF TIME PRESSURE IS ALLEVIATED BY WILLINGNESS TO FOREGO SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT DURING MATTHOFER OCTOBER VISIT.
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